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SGA ELECTIONS

Lister, Penner exhibit 'unique leadership skills'

Senior in agricultural economics and junior in microbiology said they bring strong leadership, fresh perspective

Andy Rao news editor

Garrett Lister, junior in agricultural economics, and Allison Penner, junior in microbiology, have filed to run for Student Governing Association president and vice presi-

Lister, who is a two-year student senator in SGA, said that he is ready to serve K-State at the next level as student body

"I've been a part of SGA for two years and I'm ready to take the next step," Lister said. "Allison and I believe we have a good chance in being elected and we both feel like we have strong leadership skills that will help us represent K-State students."

Lister currently serves as the chairperson of the Governmental Relations committee, and said that he is proud of the results that he and his committee members were able to

"I think we definitely saw improvement in the committee and we were able to achieve a lot of what we set out to do,"

Lister said. "We have a dedicated group of students that have been able to make an impact on a local and state level, and I can definitely say I'm proud of the committee's hard work."

Lister is currently working under Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics and food science and industry and president of SGA. Spriggs is running for reelection with running mate Grant Hill, junior in accounting. Lister said that he thinks that Spriggs has done a good job in his first term, but also went on to say that he believes he can bring more to the table than Spriggs.

"They've gotten a lot of things done and have done a good job," Lister said. "I think Allison and I bring a fresh perspective though. We can bring a more open way to doing things and new ways to look at and solve problems

Although Lister has been active in SGA, Penner has no previous experience working with SGA. She said, however, that her lack of SGA experience was a positive aspect of her candidacy.

"When you look at us as candidates, we're kind of a hybrid pair because Garrett brings the SGA experience and I bring the fresh outside perspective, Penner said. "We balance each other well."

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Mock caucus resembles GOP process

College Republicans aim to explain caucus process, encourage students to participate in Kansas GOP caucus on March 10

Haley Rose

Members of Young Americans for Liberty, K-State College Republicans and local political activists assembled in the K-State Student Union on Monday night for an event hosted by the College Republicans to illustrate the process of a Republican caucus.

More than 30 people maintained lively conversation as they cast ballots in response to each of the "candidates," represented by four students who roleplayed as the actual Republican candidates and gave a two-minute speech summarizing the essential platform on which the

candidates stand. Before the speeches and voting, the actual rules of a caucus were laid out in an appropriately patriotic slideshow presented by Ashton Archer, senior in mechanical engineering and president of College Republicans.

Archer also made a specific point to assure the audience that the College Republicans do not endorse any specific politi-cal candidate, but is more focused on encouraging students to educate themselves on the issues and become active in the po-

litical sphere by voting. The event was more less the first of its kind. A similar meeting was held during the 2008 presidential year by the group's previous members, but that event was mostly a general informational meeting and did not explicitly explain the Kansas caucus process, which is exactly what this event was driven toward.

"A lot of people don't understand the caucus and how the system works," said George Weston, graduate student in sociology



Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics and food science and industry and current president of the Student Governing Association, spoke about the three main platforms he and **Grant Hill**, junior in accounting and vice presidential candidate, have for the 2012 SGA elections. The K-State College Republicans mock caucus was on Monday in the K-State Student Union.

and former president of the College Republicans. "That's basically why we put this on."

Among the attendees was Barb Van Slyke, chair for the Riley County Republicans, who attends these events in order to support the group and encourage dialogue between the K-State College Republicans and the Manhattan Republican group.

"The information Ashton shared is really good," Van Slyke said. "Ít shows students how they can be involved in the process. I hope this gives them enthusiasm and encouragement to get involved

with the Kansas caucus next month."

The Kansas takes place on March 10, which is Fake Patty's Day, at 10 a.m. Rane Cravens, sophomore in political science and vice president of

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Professor leads students to work in Tanzania

Eleven member team raising funds to implement community projects, need to raise \$4,500 per person

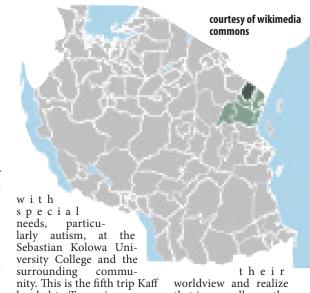
Marisa Love

A team of 11 students and professors led by Marilyn Kaff, associate professor of special education, is raising funds to travel to Lushoto, Tanzania, from July 24 to Aug. 8. Their mission is to work with children with autism, develop a sustainable community garden and implement a family literacy program.

Kaff's vision for the project was sparked in 2007, when she attended an International Association of Special Education conference in Hong Kong.
"One of their missions

was to create a group of sites across the world where special education professors could go and volunteer their time, something similar to Doctors or Teachers Without Borders," Kaff said.

In response, Kaff began investing time training teachers to work with children



has led to Tanzania, a country located on the east coast of Africa.

This team will lead workshops to equip parents and teachers who work and live with children with autism. Team members will also conduct screenings in the community to identify children with special needs.

Kaff said she hopes the trip will benefit not only the community of Lushoto, but also the students traveling

"I want them to open up

that in a small way, they can make a big difference," Kaff

Some of the students will focus on developing a sustainable garden for the older students at the Mabughai School. The idea is to give the children a project to invest time in when school is not in session and to teach them practical gardening.

The group will also implement a family literacy project called Books-in-a-Bag. By collecting stories, songs and poems from the com-

munity in order to develop books for distribution, Kaff said she hopes local kids will be able to see themselves in

the literature. "We also hope to have as part of this process the inaugural Lushoto story-telling festival, in which we would recruit people to come and

tell their stories," Kaff said. The stories will be recorded and then transcribed into English and Kiswahili, the official language of Tanzania. The stories will contain illustrations by a local artist and will be printed by a local publishing company and circulated in cloth bags made

by local women. "Everything would be lo-cally produced," Kaff said. The idea is to provide sustainability for community and help us get the books into the hands of the kiddos."

Brighid O'Toole, senior in elementary education, said she hopes to work with autistic children in the U.S. after she graduates and said she sees this trip as a rare opportunity to put her skills to use in an environment with huge needs.

Not only do I get to work with the students that I have a huge desire and passion to

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K-State students present research at State House

Wilson Smith, Ayomi Perera participate in annual event, receive a \$500 scholarship for their research efforts

Anton Trafimovich

Ten K-State students who are researching various technologies in the engineering field were selected to attend the ninth annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) in Topeka in order to present their findings on

Two of the 10 students from K-State were awarded with \$500 scholarships each and now have the chance to see their projects implemented either by state government or businesses.

CGRS is an annual event for graduate students of four Kansas educational institutions - K-State, the University of Kansas, Wichita State University and the University of Kansas Medical Center. During the showcase, graduate students present their research to legislators and the Kansas Board of Regents at the Statehouse in Topeka. After the presentations, two students of

each university receive money awards.

Carol Shanklin, dean of the Graduate School, said the purpose of the event is to inform legislators of research efforts that

are going on in the state.
"It's basically to increase public awareness of the value of research that we do at our state institutions for the state of Kansas," Shanklin said.

Students are selected to participate in the CGRS based off the economic impact or direct application their research has to advance the state of Kansas. Wilson Smith, graduate stu-

dent in civil engineering, was one of two K-Staters who were awarded in Topeka. Encouraged by Dunja Peric, associate professor in civil engineering, Smith came up with fairly new idea in the field of civil engineering. His research involves lignin,

which is a plant product that is used as a material to stabilize unpaved roads and to prevent wind

While Smith's idea aims to improve road maintenance, it is also an eco-friendly initiative since lignin can be extracted from crop residue which is widely available in agricultural Kansas.

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In the article "Greek Switch Day returns after years of absence" National Pan-Hellinic Council was incorrectly identified as Pan-Hellinic Council.

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Christopher Bernard Williams, of the 800 block of Yuma Street, was booked for theft and probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,533.62.

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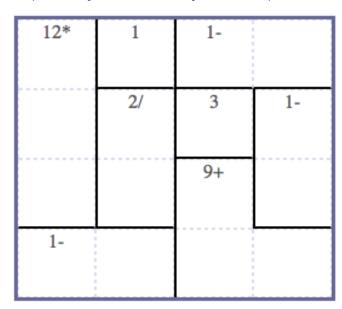
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Wildcats win opener, lose series against CSU Bakersfield



Carlos Salazar | Collegian

Members of the K-State baseball team celebrate their win over Wichita State University on April 13, 2011 in Manhattan.

The Wildcats were unable to hold off the Roadrunners in the first series of games

Spencer Low staff writer

After winning their season opener on Friday, K-State dropped two straight games against California State University Bakersfield on Saturday and Sunday. The Wildcats were plagued by CSU Bakersfield's senior DC Legg, as he went 5-14 with three homers and seven RBIs.

INLINE HOCKEY

"These guys are special

impressed with efforts

For 13 years, Jerry Remsbecker has been the adviser and coach to

Remsbecker got involved

"We've been working at it, they

when with the team after seeing

them practice near Goodnow

get better and better and I'm be-

coming a better coach," Rems-

becker said. "My goal is to make everyone who shows up a better

This year's team is 11-2-4 in

league play and has ambitions

to make it to the 2012 national

tournament, a feat they have not

achieved since 2002. The Wild-

cats are ranked second in Divi-

sion II of the Great Plains Col-

legiate Inline Hockey League.

The team currently competes in

Division II due to level of com-

petition, but Remsbecker said

he hopes to change that once the multi-activity court gym is com-

pleted at the Peters Recreation

at a rink in Junction City, which

costs them nearly \$5,000 a year

to rent and they do not host any

home games. Remsbecker said this will change once the MAC

gym becomes available and a ten-

tative home game is scheduled

weekend in the regional tourna-

ment in St. Louis in the hopes of

making it to their version of the

big dance. Their first game will be

on Saturday against the seventh-

ranked St. Louis College of Phar-

macy. The regional tournament is

single elimination. The semi-final

and final rounds will be played on

that we have another chance to prove we are the best team in our

"Next weekend I am excited

The Wildcats will compete this

for February of 2013.

Currently, the team practices

hockey player."

Complex.

the K-State Inline Hockey Club.

in the way they pull

together." Advisor

The last time K-State lost a three-game road series to start the season was 1992 at

Game One

K-State won a thriller in the 11th inning on a go ahead two-RBI triple with two outs by sophomore infielder Ross Kivett. The final score was 7-5 over CSU Bakersfield. Saturday's win marked the fourth straight opening day win for the Wildcats.

Senior pitcher Matt Applegate threw 103 pitches over 7.1 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits with three walks and two strikeouts. He

left the game with the Wild-cats up 5-2, but was charged with two more runs after his exit. Sophomore lefty Shane Conlon took the win, pitching 1.2 perfect innings. Conlon entered the game with one on and one out in the 10th, but he shut down the Bakersfield offense with two strikeouts to end that inning, and his perfect 11th sealed the victory

with a game-ending strikeout.

Offensively, K-State hit two home runs, a three-run shot by senior outfielder Mike Kindel to put the Wildcats on the board in the seventh, and a two-run homer off the foul pole by senior infielder Wade

Inline Hockey Club team seeks spot in tournament

Hinkle in the eighth. Hinkle, Kivett and sophomore out-fielder Jared King had two hits apiece.

Game Two

A six-run fourth inning by CSU Bakersfield was too much to overcome for the Wildcats in the second game of the series as they lost 7-3.

"It's the baseball adage – a lot of times the big inning beats you," said head coach Brad Hill. "Six is way too

The Roadrunners had eight of their 11 hits during the inning, four of which went for extra bases. Wildcat junior starter Joe Flattery, a junior college transfer from Iowa Central Community College, took the loss. He allowed five runs off five hits with a walk and a strikeout in 3.1 innings of work. Senior Kayvon Bahramzadeh, who worked 2.2 innings, allowing two runs, followed Flattery.

Hill was pleased with the performance of two freshman relievers: Nate Williams and Robert Youngdahl. Williams threw a perfect seventh and Youngdahl followed in the eighth only allowing one infield single. Both hurlers racked up two strikeouts aniece

King and Kindel had two hits each to lead the offense with RBIs from senior Jake Brown, sophomore Blair DeBord and King.

Game Three

After putting up a run in the top of the first inning, the Wildcats couldn't cross home plate again, losing 8-1 to CSU Bakersfield in the series finale. Roadrunner sophomore Taylor Aikenhead pitched a complete game, limiting the Wildcats to one run off three hits and seven strikeouts in a

whopping 139 pitches.

K-State sophomore Gerardo Esquivel left the game after facing four batters in the third inning, allowing six runs, four of them earned, off six hits with a walk and no strikeouts. Esquivel was followed by sophomore Jared Moore, who had four strikeouts through 4.1 innings, allowing one unearned run off three hits and only walking

Brown scored K-State's sole run on a single by DeBord with two outs in the first inning. After senior Dan Klein's hit in the second inning, the Wildcats didn't get another hit until freshman Austin Fisher's single in the eighth. At one point, Aibenters

After K-State jumped ahead early, the Roadrunners weren't behind for long, with a three-run homer by first baseman DC Legg in the bottom of the first, who added a solo shot in the eighth inning for good mea-

K-State's defense had some trouble, as they committed two errors resulting in three unearned runs.

The Wildcats travel to San Diego for their next games as they are scheduled to compete in the San Diego Tournament on Feb. 23-26 **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Wildcats to face No. 3 Missouri

Corbin McGuire staff writer

The Wildcats will try to keep their momentum today when they face off with the No. 3 Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Mo., after a season-changing win against the No. 10 Baylor Bears on Saturday

Today's matchup is the last scheduled meeting between the two schools, as Missouri departs for the Southeastern Conference in 2012-13.

A win today would nearly guarantee an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament for the Wildcats and move their conference record to above .500. The Tigers (25-2, 12-2), however, are trying to keep pace with the University of Kansas at the top of the Big 12 standings and build their credentials for a top-seed in the NCAA tournament as

One of the two losses on the Tigers' record came in Manhattan in early January when the then-No. 22 Wildcats beat Missouri 75-59.

It was the first loss of the year for the Tigers and it came at the hands of the Wildcats' suffocating defense, which forced Missouri into 14 turnovers and 32.7 percent shooting from the field.

The 59-point performance the Tigers put up against the Wildcats is still a season-low, but they rebounded quickly with four straight wins, including a road win against the Baylor Bears.

After a slight hiccup against the

Oklahoma State Cowboys in Stillwater, Okla., the Tigers have rattled off seven consecutive victories that included wins over Texas, Kansas and Baylor.

Junior guard Rodney McGruder and conhome guard Will Spreading pro-

sophomore guard Rodney McGruder and sophomore guard Will Spradling provided the necessary firepower for the Wildcats in their first meeting with the Tigers as the two guards respectively scored 20 and 14 points each.

Junior guard Jordan Henriquez an-

chored the Wildcats' frontcourt against the guard-heavy Tigers with 10 points to go along with eight rebounds and four blocks.

Senior guards Marcus Denmon and Kim English led the prestigious backcourt of the Tigers, accounting for 17.8 and 14.2 points per game, respectively.

and 14.2 points per game, respectively.
Sophomore guard Phil Pressey
also adds 10 points per game but acts
as the main distributor for the Tigers
with his nearly six assists per game. He
also poses a defensive threat, averaging
more than two steals per game.
Ricardo Ratliffe, 6-foot-8-inch soph-

omore forward, is the Tigers' main big man and leads the team with seven rebounds per game in addition to the 13.7 points per game he contributes. The Wildcats will need to be click-

The Wildcats will need to be clicking on all cylinders to come home with a win, as they have lost four straight at Mizzou Arena and Missouri is yet to lose at home this season.

The game will finish the Wildcats' brutal three-game stretch that included the top three teams in the Big 12 standings before finishing the regular season with Iowa State at home, Texas A&M on the road and Oklahoma State at home.

The game is set to tip off at 6 p.m. and will be nationally televised on ESPN2.

Remsbecker said this season has been the most successful season he has been a part of since the team made it to the final four in 2000. He also said this is largely due to the amount of ca-

since the team made it to the final four in 2000. He also said this is largely due to the amount of camaraderie this season's squad has with each other and fan support. The Wildcats typically have more fans at away games than the local teams do.

"These guys are special in the

seman and senior in economics. "We have been in the conversa-

tion all year, but I think with the

momentum we have gained in

recent weeks we have our best

chance yet to prove it."

way they pull together," Remsbecker said. "They hang out a lot together, they care about each other and you can see it on the floor. They know their capabilities ... egos don't get in the way, they just do it."

Remsbecker said each season differs depending on who goes joins the club, which is open to any K-State student. In 2007 they finished the season with a record of 1-16-1. Last year, the Wildcats finished third in league play but were stiffed on an invitation to the national tourna-

them this season.

"It fueled us with the goal to be the top team in our region," said Joel Carroll, senior in electrical engineering and team captain. "This year coach has been restricting playing time, so we're getting our stronger guys out there more often."

ment, which has really fueled

Remsbecker said Carroll and fellow team captain Parker Conant, defenseman and junior in public relations and marketing, are among his strongest players, leading drills during practice. Conant leads the league in number of points and is second in assists and game winning goals.

While winning is very important to the team this year Carroll said they still keep in mind that it is important to have fun.

"It's the people that matter the most and we've got great people," Carroll said.

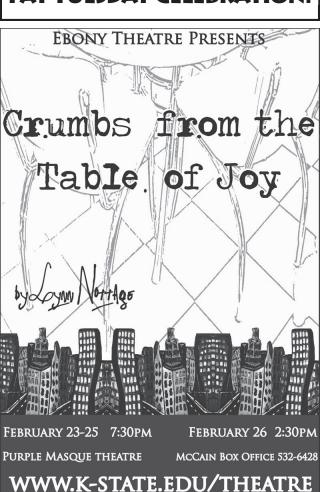


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K-State's 2011-12 inline hockey club team.
Front row: **Geoff Martin**, **Dan Potucek**, **Kyle Probst**, **Austin Robisch**, **Josh Gray**.

2nd row: Jerry Remsbecker, Nick Sardina, Parker Conant, Andrew Grandon, Mike McHugh, Joel Carroll, Sam Jordan, Luke Castle, Sean O'Hara, Alex Billings (Asst Manager)











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Pageants over-sexualize children, steal childhood innocence



When I was 6 years old, I dressed up Barbies in ridiculous outfits and played make-believe with my little sister in our backyard. I only got really dressed up for holidays and special occasions and had elaborately curled and hair-sprayed hair for dance performances.

I didn't really care what I looked like. I mean, I had a favorite dress or two and absolutely refused to wear turtleneck shirts, but I didn't spend any time in front of the mirror, and makeup was just that stuff grown-ups put on their faces for some mysterious reason. That seems fairly normal to me.

But for the young girls, sometimes boys and even infants that are involved with beauty pageants from a young age, my childhood is nowhere close to their idea of normal. TLC's popular, or perhaps infamous, reality show, "Toddlers and Tiaras," showcases the children and the families involved with beauty pageants.

Whether people are actually interested, have children of their own in pageants or flip to it in disbelief, the show that records the transformation of young children into idealized beauty queens has been on the air for multiple seasons.

Quite frankly, it's more than a little creepy. TLC's website for the show notes that in these pageants, "toddlers take the stage wearing makeup, spray tans and fake hair to be judged on beauty, personality and costumes."

Makeup? Spray tans and fake hair? But the show is about toddlers? That's not even mentioning the false eyelashes and fingernails, the "flipper" or fake teeth, the airbrushed photos and over-the-top dresses. But wait, we're still talking

about little kids, right?
To me, that's where it gets

weird.
Little kids, no matter how many times in the interviews they say that they love pageants and want to do them, are getting powdered, curled, dressed and transformed into tiny adult beauty queens. It's unrealistic, age inappropriate and uncomfortably sexualized.

One mom even tried to get her fair-haired daughter to permanently dye her eyelashes, even though she didn't want to, to avoid the daughter's mascara running on the occasions that she would cry before going on stage. The mother attempted to guilt trip the daughter, saying that "even Daddy thinks it's a good idea."

I was appalled — it's supposed to be appalling, that's what gets the good ratings, but even so, the people on the show are real and I'm concerned about what real impacts these pageants and shows have on the children involved.

These are children, and they're wearing the same false fingernails, eyelashes, makeup and spray tans that many adult women wear when they're trying to be "sexy." They're paraded around in front of judges and broadcasted on national



Illustration by Erin Logan

TV. They're judged on their pseudo-adult faces and dresses, not to mention the self-esteem-ruining critiques on their personalities.

So why do they do it? Well, the show's website says the cameras follow "families on their quest for sparkly crowns, big titles and lots of cash." Sure, maybe some of the little girls daydream about winning a glittery crown, I even daydreamed about being a fairy princess, but who is really in it for the

money?

The parents, because "every parent wants to prove that their child is beautiful," according to the website.

There is simply so much wrong with that statement. No one should have to feel like they need to prove their child is beautiful, and every child is truly beautiful. They don't need the layers of makeup and outfits as expensive as a wedding dress to be beautiful. All children should be beautiful to their loved ones and to everyone

else simply as a child.

I have to wonder how

he children feel. When I was growing up, I never felt as though I had to prove myself to my parents, whether it was proving my intelligence, my likeability, my looks or anything else. I think that's healthy. I couldn't imagine the stress as a child of not feeling like I was good enough for my parents.

Childhood is a creative, imaginative, unique time of life, but pageants like these

are rushing children past childhood, past adolescence and into adulthood, turning them into abnormally sexualized dolls. Whatever happened to being a kid and playing outside in the rain or ripping up a pair of jeans climbing trees? Sure, maybe they do it on the weekends, but it seems like nearly all of their "free" time is spent with beauty treatments, pageant coaches and practicing routines.

Not only are these children missing out on vital childhood experiences, they're deprived of their individuality and that oblivious innocence children have for grubby hands, wild hair and crazy mismatched outfits. They're really not like children at all, but little mannequins directed by the whims of adults and television directors.

I'm not placing the blame directly on the parents, though, it's on everyone. Girls are sexualized at younger and younger ages thanks to makeup and fashion marketing targeted at pre-adolescents and teens, the commonplace availability of provocative clothing and shows like this. Little kids are playing with Bratz dolls dressed like prostitutes and teenagers are getting banned from school dances for barely-there clothing and dirty dancing.

and dirty dancing.
Realize what these
shows are doing to children
and maybe the interest in
watching little kids paraded
around looking like adults
will cease. What happened
to letting kids be kids?

Kaylea Pallister is attending graduate school fall 2012. Please send all comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.

Student teaching demands time commitment, is a full workload



When you're a student teacher, you're constantly

swamped. You don't have time for a job. You start school earlier than everyone else. You will

than everyone else. You will be responsible for teaching students. You have to wake up early. You have no social life. These are the things I knew about student teaching two

about student teaching two days before I officially started as a student teacher. And as a student who really likes lists, detailed syllabi, set expectations and mental preparation, not knowing exactly what to expect was a little scary.

And that got me thinking

— student teaching is kind of mysterious. No one really seems to know exactly what student teachers do. After student teaching is over, most of the student teachers graduate, so there's no one to come back and share survivor stories.

L'ye been a student teacher

I've been a student teacher for seven weeks now and the experience has given me a whole new level of respect for teachers and student teachers as well. There is so much more to teaching than actually teaching. I'd say 25 percent of teaching is actually teaching and being in the classroom with students; the other 75 percent is planning time, meetings, personal and staff development and more. Teaching is a very full, fulltime job.

I came back to Manhattan from holiday break on Jan. 2 and started school on Jan. 3. As a general rule, if your cooperating teacher — the teacher whose class you're in for the semester — is at school, you are too. That applies to early mornings, too. I teach at Junction City High School, so I have to wake up bright and early by 5:40 a.m., groggily get ready, prepare some tea and leave my house by 6:30 a.m. to arrive at school by 7:05-7:10 a.m. As soon as Í pull into the parking lot, I turn on the Ms. Gocken

Ms. Gocken can't cuss, laugh at dirty/toilet jokes, check Facebook, text or listen to an iPod. Since I'm used to just being Lauren, who regularly indulges in all of the above, having to put on the filter of Ms. Gocken all day is actually pretty tiring. The filter affects everything I do when I'm at school. When I'm a teacher, I have to be "on"



Illustration by Yosuke Michishita

whenever there's the possibility of students around.

Each day's tasks are a little different, but there are a few things that I can count on

things that I can count on doing each week. I observe my cooperating teacher teaching the elective classes and advising the publications. I take attendance, handle late students, update the grade book, grade papers and complete other overlookable tasks that will make my teacher's life easier. I get to teach and plan the lessons for the advanced digital imaging classes. I attend every meeting or in-service my teacher goes to, and let me tell you, there are lots of meetings: all-staff meetings, academy/department meetings, career cluster meetings, parent-teacher conferences, district in-services, building in-services and more. Teaching requires much

more than just teaching.

A large component of student teaching is coteaching, which requires me to work and plan closely with my cooperating teacher. I was very, very lucky to get placed with my teacher — we get along exceptionally. I know not everyone gets so lucky with their cooperating teacher's compatibility, so this is something I'm thankful for every day.

I get observed, aka graded, by my cooperating teacher as well as my clinical instructor and university supervisor; my academy principal, department head and other teachers can also observe me. An observation is a period where one of my supervisors observes and writes suggestions over a class period that I teach by myself. Observations always make me nervous. These are the same types of observations that professional teachers get from principals

to make sure they're teaching

well. I have to have at least five different observations for my final portfolio, which is the cumulative project of the semester. My degree, my graduation and my ability to get a teaching license all ride on the successful completion of the portfolio. It isn't difficult, but it does require a lot of time and attention to detail. The portfolio includes the observations plus a unit plan with all the assessment data from student work, and observations of my classroom and students' contextual fac-

Student teachers are held to a professional standard because they're directly responsible for their students' learning. Even though I'm a student teacher, I have influence and impact on my students so I can't rely on the tag of "student" teacher to get

me out of mistakes.

All this being said, the semester is more like a full-time internship experience than a regular class. Like internships, you only get out what you put in, so what each person walks away with depends on what they wanted. The hours are challenging. The work takes over your life. The schedule isn't accommodating to late nights, long weekends or a social life. The students can

be quite obnoxious.

But it's worth it. It's a real-world opportunity to see exactly what it takes to be a full-time teacher and if teaching is really the profession you want for the rest of your life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Funding a concern for many leaders

I've been involved with Student Governing Association for four years, and I've seen my fair share of fiscal issues. I am disappointed in some of the responses that the independent candidates are receiving. I think the majority of the people who take issue with their campaign are missing the point; for the record, I haven't made up my mind on which candidates to support.

People are accusing them of being insensitive to the Diversity Programming Committee and multicultural students. It's not just these candidates who took issue with DPC spending \$26,000 on Mos Def. Many student senators were upset as well, but had no power to do anything. You see, DPC is not directly regulated by SGA. Yes, there are a few senators who are on the committee, but there really isn't any oversight to the decisions they make. It's very hypocritical of individuals who say, let's

criticize SGA for not being fiscally responsible, but we can't be critical of DPC for the same reasons. Everyone pays into the money pot, all students do. As students, we have the right to be critical of how our money is being spent by anybody, including DPC. It's not insensitive, it's keeping people accountable for their actions.

For example, DPC could have funded the Black Student Union's request to bring U.S. Army veteran and entrepreneur Wes Moore to campus for \$15,850, or the Creative Arts Therapy Students for the Clare Murphy Storyfest for \$3,366, or Ebony Theatre's Broadway Unplugged for \$10,850. Or how about KanDance's African Dance and Music Performance Lecture series for \$7,200 or the Native American Student Association's Running Strong for American Indian Youth for \$7,909?

These events could have been funded, and are worthy

to. You don't need to spend \$26,000 to get students to go to events. If an event is interesting and well-advertised, students will go.

events that students would go

SGA funds groups that fall into the multicultural/diversity realm as well. For instance, this year we've funded the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Indian Students Association, Japanese Student Association and the Hispanic American Leadership Organization.

Before you criticize those who want to make our fees go further, maybe you should look at the big picture. Everyone is having to do more with less, that's what we tell privilege fee agencies when they come to SGA looking for money, shouldn't we ask the same of all organizations that ask for students to cough up money?

Ashton Archer senior in mechanical engineering

TO THE POINT

Americans too focused on glamor

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinon.

Americans have often been blamed by other countries of superficiality and materialism. Media and societal values put so much emphasis on glamorous pop culture that our lives, priorities and decisions often revolve around "what's sexy."

"Toddlers and Tiaras" is just one example of the over-sexualization that our society has allowed to overtake our lives. Five-year-old girls are trying to walk in heels, have layers of makeup on and are trying to impress not only judges, but all of America on national television. That's definitely a twisted image.

Reality television, however, is not the only part of our lives that has been glamorized. A range of everyday items, from children's toys, clothing, and books and magazines have all

become increasingly provocative. Barbie dolls now have skimpy outfits, and a quick walk down a clothing aisle in even a general store like Walmart shows the rise in sexuality that young children are exposed.

Children are being robbed

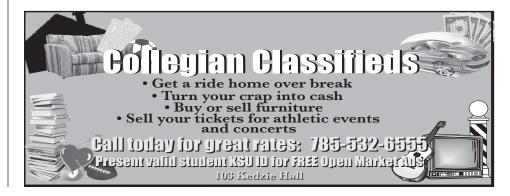
of not only their childhood but also of the sweet innocence that makes a child a child. A kid deserves the time to be a kid because growing up can often be a burden.

This superficial mentality has permeated through much of the younger generations in America, including collegeage students. We worry too much about appearance, what people are going to think of us and satisfying people's surface desires that we forget what our true identities are. In an effort to fit in and stay

up-to-date with the latest trends, we have let our goals, ambitions and dreams take second place to the glamour of pop culture.

America needs to take a step back and prioritize what is important. Is it more important to us to be wearing the nicest clothes, be driving the nicest cars and hooking up with the hottest people, or is it more important to become a people and a society that focuses on becoming the best human beings we can be?

Our priorities reflect our values and our values reflect our character. So America, let's review who we are and what we stand for because we at the Collegian believe that this nation stands for much more than a 5-year-old in heels and a mini-skirt.



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Penner said that she feels she and Lister are a good team because their leadership styles complement each other.

"Ît's a good combination of ideation and focus," she said. "We've worked together so well in the past that we've already built mutual trust that others that are campaigning may not have yet."

Penner and Lister served on the Kansas Future Farmers of America state officer team together in the past, an experience which Lister said was instrumental in him choosing Penner as a running mate.

"Allison and I bring a set of unique leadership skills that balance each other," Lister said. "We have had different experiences but we have the same di-

Taylor Veh, senior in microbiology and campaign manager for Lister and Penner, said that the duo's wide variety of campus experiences makes them strong contenders to represent K-Staters.

"Garrett and Allison have had such unique experiences," Veh said. "If you look at what they've been involved in on campus and the groups that they have been involved in, you can see the breadth of knowledge they have to see the big picture at K-State."

Lister and Penner said they have a variety of platform issues that they want to tackle including parking on campus and at the Peters Recreation Complex, funding for educational equipment and academic advising.

"These are platform issues that we formed by actually talking to various students," Lister said. "There were several common issues that everybody talked about and those are the issues on the top of things to address."

Lister also said that he believes that every student has a right to openly voice their concerns with the administration. He said he believes that SGA has a responsibility to try and address the issues that K-Staters bring forth in an costeffective and timely manner.

We want to look into all options in order to try and meet everyone's needs," Lister said. 'We have a responsibility to keep our university affordable and we plan on working with the deans of the colleges in order to address these issues."

Penner agreed, saying that the costs of college are too steep for students and their tuition dollars to be misrepresented.

"If we have to use student dollars, we want students to have a say on what the money is spent on," Penner said.

Lister and Penner both said that they are confident that they would lead SGA effectively and said that their variety of experiences and open-mindedness will help them lead fairly and efficiently.

"Allison and I have had a great working relationship in the past and we feel like we could bring a lot of experience and fresh perspective to the positions," Lister said. "Our leadership styles complement each other well and we want to take that next step to be a voice for K-State students.'

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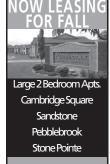
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TANZANIA I 'It's half a world away and it was just heartwrenching to see'

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work with, but it's over in Africa," O'Toole said. "It's the best of both worlds for me. I love traveling and I love students who have autism."

Nicole Maupin, special education teacher at Lee Elementary School, traveled to Tanzania with Kaff on her last two trips.

Maupin said that the way Kaff has continued to return with groups has helped the Tanzanian people believe that these Americans sincerely

want to help them.

"The neatest thing for me was to see that autism in Tanzania is exactly the same as autism in the United States," Maupin said. "It's half a world away and it was just heartwrenching to see that these teachers and families were dealing with the same quirks of autism."

Taylor Phillippi, sophomore in pre-occupational therapy, has committed two months of his summer to work with children with special needs in Lushoto, arriving by himself on June 1 and then departing with the group on Aug. 8.

Phillippi said he hopes to develop relationships with the Tanzanian people and to prepare for the community projects before the team arrives.

"God's given me the ability and the patience to work with kids that have the capability to do the things that we do, but need to be taught it at a slower rate," Phillippi said. "I think that we give up on people really easily, and we give up on people who don't exactly fit the mold that we think people need to fill."

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Each member of the team needs to raise \$4,500 to pay for plane tickets and lodging. The trip is completely on a volunteer basis and is not funded by K-State.

"Everybody has the ability to help and be a part of these things," Phillipi said. "The people that are fundraising for me and getting me over there are playing just as much of a role as I am in helping these kids. If I couldn't get there, I

couldn't help them either." The group held a fundraiser at Orange Leaf in January and they hope to host an event at Radina's Coffeehouse and Roastery in Aggieville and other local businesses in the coming weeks. All donations go directly to the students.

On March 1, a video com-

municating the team's vision for this summer will go live on indiegogo.com, a site dedicated to fundraising campaigns for nonprofits. People who donate to help send students to Tanzania can receive colorful, paper bead jewelry made by people with disabilities in Tanzania or a "Humanity Looks Good on Everyone" T-

To stay up-to-date on the progress of the campaign and donation information, visit the group's Facebook page, entitled "Humanity Looks Good on Everyone."

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the College Republicans, said that students should not let the festivities stop them from voting.

"If I was going to rank what we're trying to say with events like this, it is, get up, go out and vote," said Cravens.

Weston agreed with Cravens, saying that the right to vote is something that students should take seriously and that it is worth

the time. "A lot of people fought for your right to vote, that's not something to take lightly," Weston said. "It takes maybe two hours out of

Also in attendance at the

event was Holly Friesen, Riley County campaign chair for Newt Gingrich, Republican presidential nominee. She said she comes to events like these to both support the College Republicans and encourage student participation in political events.

"I think this sort of event motivates students to step outside of the box of being a student," she said. "Take responsibility, you know? Be part of the process."

Before the actual mock caucus even started, two of the three Student Governing Association presidential candidates and their running mates for next year gave campaign speeches to the group and opened the floor for questions to the group at large.

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Nate Spriggs, current student body president and senior in agricultural economics and food science and industry and Grant Hill, junior in accounting, spoke first then fielded audience inquiries about their current campaigns and what they plan to focus on for the next year.

Cory Glaser, senior in computer engineering and Michael Hampton, junior in finance and leadership studies - another set of presidential hopefuls - also had an opportunity to explain their platform and answer questions the attendees had regarding their plans for the presidency.

"The big thing I want people to do is go out and vote," said Archer. "That's what this is all about."

CAPITOL Perera excelled in chemistry

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Smith also said that 72 percent of roadways in Kansas are unpaved, which is why the Kansas Department of Transportation might find his research useful. Some businesses have already showed their interest in this research.

"I have gotten a few emails from people wanting to know more about my research and how quickly it can be applied to the field," Smith said.

The second K-Stater who was awarded a scholarship at CGRS is Ayomi Perera, graduate student in chemistry. Perera, with help from Stefan Bossmann, professor of chemistry, developed a new type of solar cell. Unlike the majority of solar panels, Perera managed to create environmentally friendly solar cells using protein extracted from bacteria.

"We wanted to do something

cell, but to make it more environmentally friendly," Perera

Perera said that Kansas is one of the sunniest states in the U.S., which is what makes the state attractive for developing alternative energy in the form of solar

power. Perera extracted the protein from mycobacteria, one of the most stable proteins known to mankind. Even when it is being boiled in detergent, mycobacteria protein does not denature.

Perera a has a small solar

panel for her experiments. She said that if she can continue her work, a new generation of solar cells could be invented. Perera said that she was happy

to receive the opportunity to present her findings in Topeka.

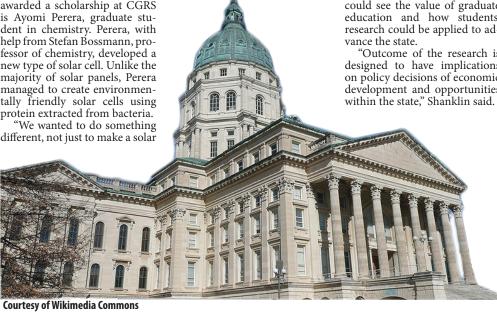
"I'm really glad that legisla-

tors and government can get to know about research," she said. Shanklin said that this summit gave students an excel-

lent opportunity to share their research and enhance their communication skills. According to Shanklin, legislators and the Board of Regents

could see the value of graduate education and how students' research could be applied to advance the state. Outcome of the research is

designed to have implications on policy decisions of economic development and opportunities within the state," Shanklin said.

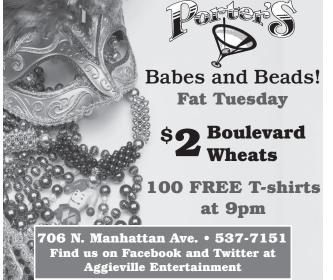


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